

**RESOLUTION  
REGARDING SUB-ACUTE CARE FACILITY**

WHEREAS, the Counseling Service of Addison County in collaboration with the Howard Center for Human Services is proposing to establish a Sub-Acute Psychiatric Care Facility in Briarwood Manor at Alden Place, and

WHEREAS, the concept of providing a "therapeutic residential setting for residents with severe but stabilized illness" is a worthy goal, but an untested concept in Vermont, and

WHEREAS, this would be the first facility of its type in Vermont, thereby having no operational history to rely on regarding the safety and community impact of such a facility, and

WHEREAS, a number of Vergennes citizens have expressed serious concern or opposition to the establishment of the facility, and

WHEREAS, the Briarwood Condominium Homeowners' Association opposes the program as not being appropriate for the neighborhood and that it would have a negative impact on property values, and

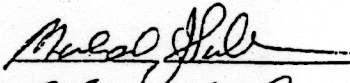
WHEREAS, the potential negative impact upon the economy and reputation of Vergennes outweighs the possible positive impacts, particularly if full property taxes are not paid, and

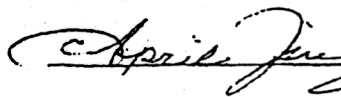
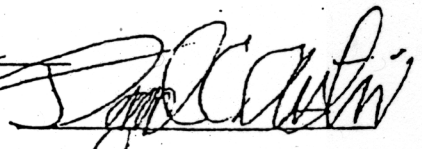
WHEREAS, there is no guarantee that full property taxes will be paid in the future even with a written agreement, and

WHEREAS the building was formerly a residential care facility does not make its use as a psychiatric residential care facility compatible with the neighborhood or the community,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Vergennes that the City does not favor the proposed Sub-Acute Psychiatric Care Facility and asks that it not be established within the City of Vergennes.

Adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 2005.

  
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